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The Principles of the Thing (ch. 46)

The Importance of Principles

- Principle- A succinct statement of a universal truth.
 - Succinct- short, brief
 - Universal truth- Something that is always true.
- Principles state general truths in specific ways.
- Example: Proverbs 20:2
Principle:

Principles that Govern Principles

- Principles should connect with all that the Bible teaches.
 - * Compare Scripture with Scripture.
 - * Error! "I learned everything the Bible has to say about _____ [insert topic] from one verse."
 - * Error! You cannot use truth from one verse to allow you to violate truth from other verses.
- Principles should speak to the needs, interests, questions, and problems of real life today.
 - * "It's not difficult to be contemporary if you don't care about being biblical..."
 - * "...and it's not difficult to be biblical if you don't care about being contemporary,..."
 - * "...But to be contemporary and biblical—that's an art."
- Principles should show me a course of action.
 - * The best ideas in the world are useless until someone acts on them.
 - * Principles must produce action.
- Multiplying the Truth
 - * What kind of Biblical "database" do you have?

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- * The ability to state principles from Scripture is one of the most powerful skills you can ever develop for applying Scripture.

Questions to Help Develop and Apply Biblical Principles

- What do you know about the original context?
- Given that context, what does this text mean?
- What fundamental, universal truths are presented in this passage?
- Can you state this truth in a simple sentence?
- What issues in your culture/situation does this truth address?
- What difference does this principle make in the world around you?

Principles Practice! (a succinct statement of a universal truth)

- Luke 15- Principle:

- Proverbs 24:30-34- Principle:

- John 13:1-17- Principle:

- Hebrews 12:3-11- Principle: